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LEE'S SUMMIT MAN INDICTED FOR COMPUTER HACKING, MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS TO FBI

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Lee's Summit, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for hacking into his employer's computer system and making false statements to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Kenneth C. Way, 51, of Lee's Summit, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Way** intentionally accessed a protected computer without authorization on July 11, 2003, and recklessly caused at least \$5,000 in damage.

Way was employed by H&H Color Lab, located in Raytown, Mo., for approximately 11 years. H&H is a photographic and digital laboratory for professional photographers. In his position with the company, **Way** was responsible for the development and maintenance of H&H's computer system, which controls order entries and tracking, production equipment, billing, invoicing, shipping and packaging. The system also includes customer contact information and credit card data.

In March 2003, **Way** left his position with H&H to work for Custom Color Corporation, in Kansas City, Mo. However, he continued working on a contractual basis with H&H and had remote access to its computer system.

On July 11, 2003, **Way** connected to H&H's computer system but did not login using his own username and password, the indictment alleges. Instead, he used the company owner's username and password and initiated a command to shutdown the company's computer system. The system was shut down for approximately 12 hours, which caused a loss of at least \$5,000

during the one-year period following July 11, 2003. **Way** did not have authorization to shut down the company's computer system.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Way** stated to the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he did not shut down H&H's computer system on July 11, 2003. The Federal Bureau of Investigation interviewed **Way** on Aug. 13, 2003, during their investigation of the reported problem.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James Curt Bohling. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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